

REMARKS

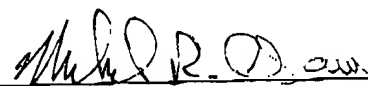
Applicants request reconsideration of this application in view of the present Amendment.

New claims 26-43 are presented for the Examiner's consideration. New claim 26 is based on cancelled claim 16 and new dependent claims 27-34 are based on cancelled dependent claims 18-25. New claim 35 is based on cancelled claim 17 and new dependent claims 36-43 are based on cancelled dependent claims 18-25.

The amendments to the claims are based on telephone interviews with Examiner Ponnaluri on November 20, 21 and 24, 2003.

Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance and allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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